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PLANTS TURN OUT DEFECTIVE MACHINES; MINISTRY BOWS TO CRITICISM

PLANT PUTS OUT DEFECTIVE THRESHERS -- Moskovskaya Pravda, 14 May 50

Dozens of threshing machines stand idle on one of Moscow's city squares. They are MS-600 threshers, produced by the Zagorsk Plant No 1 of Mosoblsel mash (Moscow Oblast Agricultural Machinery Trust), which have been rejected by kolkhozes because they are defective in one way or another.

The management of the Zagorsk Plant has a stack of complaints, received from kolkhozes in the Moscow environs, pointing out specific defects in the machines. The elevator got jammed in one; the tedding shaft bearings broke in another; the seed was thrown on the fan in a third; the vertical springs broke in a fourth; etc. Besides, these threshers are not powerful enough: to meet the needs of the large kolkhozes in the areas around Moscow.

Unable to dispose of its products, the Zagorsk Plant has been advertising its patently defective wares in other oblasts and republics.

The entrepreneurs of Mosoblsel'mash fail to realize that small kolkhozes are going out of existence, and they continue to produce the MS-600, needlessly wasting time and materials.

PRODUCES FAULTY MACHINES -- Pravda Vostoka, 12 May 50

Consumers of the products of the Tashkent Agricultural Machinery Plant have offered friendly, constructive criticism regarding the shortcomings of the allmetal fiber-extracting machines. However, Director Nizovoy and Chief Designer Murav'yev have ignored the suggestions and have not deigned to reply to the criticism.

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MINISTRY ADMITS CRITICISM JUSTIFIED -- Izvestiya, 16 May 50

The Collegium of the Minsitry of Agricultural Machine Building has considered the article published on 23 March in Izvestiya inveiching against the shortcomings of the Krasnoyarsk Self-Propelled Combine Plant and admitted that the criticism was justified.

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The collegium noted that Glavkombaynprom (Main Administration of the Combine Indus ry) had failed to give the plant timely assistance and that the ministry's Administration of Capital Construction had given the plant inadequate material and technical help.

The ministry has indicated measures for the improvement of work at the plant.

CRITICISE LAGGING KHARKOV PLANTS -- Pravda Ukrainy, 27 May 50

More than a thousand Kharkov Stakhanovites, economists, party members, and trade unionists recently met to illumes the achievements of industrial enterprises in Kharkov during the first quarter of 1950. Whilel recording a number of notable successes, the gathering sharply criticised the work of the Serp i Molot Plant (director, Polevskiy), which had failed too meet the plant to the extent of several hundred threshing machines, and the Krasnyy Oktyabr Plant (director, Rudenko), which had failed to put out four brick-making presses.

DELAYED LUMBER STALLS PLANT -- Sovetskaya Belorussia, 20 May 50

The Gomsel'mash (Gomel Agricultural Machinery) Plant imeni Kaganovich is having great difficulties with its production schedule because of delayed deliveries of lumber materials by the plants of the Ministry of Timber and Paper Industry Belorussian SSR.

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